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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION TO MASSACRE ON THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER

SUMMARY: ALL THAI, CHINESE, AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS REPORTED EXTENSIVE DETAILS OF KHMER ROUGE JAN 28 ATTACK ON THAI VILLAGES IN ARANYAPRATHET BORDER AREA. LURID PHOTOS OF DESTRUCTION AND MUTILATED CORPSES CARRIED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE BANGKOK POST JAN 30 AND 31 GIVEN MORE RESTRAINED COVERAGE OTHER DAILIES OR OMITTED ALTOGETHER. ALL PAPERS CARRY NEWS ACCOUNTS REFERRING TO "MASSACRE," "SLAYING OF INNOCENTS," ETC. ONLY TV CHANNEL 7 (MILITARY) HAS PROVIDED FILM COVERAGE OF THE INCIDENT THUS FAR. MOST RADIO STATIONS CARRIED DETAILED NEWS REPORTS. EDITORIAL COMMENT MINIMAL THUS FAR. END SUMMARY.

PRESS COVERAGE OF THE ARANYAPRATHET INCURSION LED ALL MONDAY PAPERS, BUT ONLY ENGLISH-LANGUAGE BANGKOK POST PROVIDED EXTENSIVE LURID UNRETOUCHED PHOTO COVERAGE. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, OTHER DAILIES SHADES CADAVER PHOTOS, OR RAN PHOTOS OF MILITARY ON SCENE WITHOUT SHOWING MUTILATED CORPSES.

ONLY COMMENT THUS FAR IN SMALL CIRCULATION SIENG PUANG CHON JAN 31 EDITORIAL BLAMES CAMBODIAN "TRICKS AND RUSES," PREDICTS INCREASED TROUBLE AS CAMBODIA PROGRESSES WITH ECONOMIC RESTORATION, AND SEES "ONLY ALTERNATIVE" AS DIPLOMACY RATHER THAN FORCE, UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPENDING UPON "A THIRD COUNTRY WHOSE INFLUENCE IS GREAT ENOUGH TO PERSUADE CAMBODIA" OF THAILAND'S NON-BELLIGERENT INTENTIONS. TV: CHANNEL 7 (MILITARY) HAS BEEN THE ONLY ONE TO COVER THE MASSACRE WITH FILM FOOTAGE. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT.

RADIO: MOST RADIO STATIONS CARRIED STRAIGHT NEWS OF INCIDENT AND SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING RTG PROTEST. COMMENT WAS

MINIMAL AND RESTRAINED, WITH STATIONS APPARENTLY WAITING TO FOLLOW RADIO THAILAND, WHICH IS PREPARING COMMENTARY FOR RELEASE TO NATIONWIDE STATIONS.
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